

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 6-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3 and 6-19 are rejected. Claim 20 is objected to as depending from a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and including all the limitations of the base claim.

Claim 1 is herein amended to include the subject matter of claim 20, indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. No new matter has been presented.

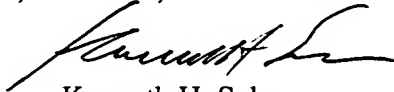
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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